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Outstanding Assurance Dec. 31, 1899	\$1,054,416,422 00
Assurance applied for in 1899	237,356,610 00
Examined and Declined	34,054,778 00
New Assurance Issued	203,301,832 00
Income	53,878,200 86
Assets Dec. 31, 1899	280,191,286 80
Assurance Fund \$216,384,975 00 and all other liabilities \$2,688,834 03	219,073,809 03
Surplus	61,117,477 77
Paid policy holders in 1899	24,107,541 44

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The Chinese Legation Is Most Popular in Washington Society.

### CHINESE MINISTER AND HIS WIFE

Are Famed for Their Gracious Hospitality. Invitations to Their Establishment Eagerly Sought--The Famous Oriental Room.

(Special Correspondence.)

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26--The president's New Year reception sets the social ball rolling in the national capital and formally opens what promises to be the most brilliant season in recent years. In the gay capital in this its gayest season there is perhaps no place where entertainments will be more elaborate than at the Chinese legation, which, under Minister Wu Ting Fang, has al-



THE CHINESE LEGATION.

ready acquired fame for its generous hospitality. In these days, when we are talking so much about the "open door" to China, there is a peculiar interest attached to things oriental, and the establishment of China's diplomatic representative here, apart from the engaging personality of the minister himself, is one of the most attractive and interesting places in Washington.

It may be fairly said that China could not have a more enlightened, courteous and efficient envoy than she has in the person of Wu Ting Fang. He is not only an amiable man, but a thoroughly accomplished diplomat, with an excellent command of the English language, acquired in Hongkong and perfected in England, whither he went to study law, being admitted to the bar at Lincoln's Inn.

At the conclusion of his studies in London Mr. Wu returned to China and began the practice of law. But he became known to Li Hung Chang and was soon attached to his staff as legal secretary. Subsequently he was appointed government superintendent of railways and while holding this office supervised the construction of the first railroad ever built in the Celestial empire, a circumstance of which he is very proud. He is a progressive man and keeps abreast of the times. Mr. Wu took a prominent part in the peace negotiations between China and Japan, acting as first secretary of the peace mission and plenipotentiary to exchange ratifications for the treaty. Later he was named chief director of the Tien-tsin university.

Socially the Chinese minister has scored a great success during his residence here, and the present season will unquestionably add to his prestige in this respect. He has all the attributes that go to make a man desirable in society and, dressed in the picturesque costume of his country, is in constant evidence at social functions. He entertains, too, assiduously and lavishly, and no cards of invitation are more highly prized and eagerly accepted than those which come from the Chinese legation.

Mrs. Wu, the minister's wife, is a bright faced, dainty and attractive woman, with the thinnest of feet and the gentlest of small voices. She did not speak much English when she arrived in this country, but has added to her vocabulary until she now gets along very well with visitors. She shares her husband's progressive ideas and takes a lively interest in Americans, their customs and their doings. She is of equal rank with her husband, a fact indicated by various ornaments that adorn her costume, and is entitled to enter and leave the room at the side rather than behind him. Her gowns, of rich brocade, heavy with embroidery, are beautiful, and no woman in Washington society wears more magnificent jewels or a greater profusion of them.



There are about 50 people connected with the Chinese legation, all living under the same roof with the minister and his family, and the house occupied is one of the largest and most elaborate furnished in Washington. Most of the attaches are socially inclined and are seen much at the theaters and private and official entertainments. Several of them are extremely popular and are frequently seen escorting daughters of congressmen and other young women about the city. In such circumstances they are most considerate of small details and always provide the finest flowers that can be had and in other ways look after the comfort and pleasure of their companions. They are a generous people, and the personal friends of the members of the legation fare well at their hands in the matter of tea that costs \$20 a pound, if you could buy it at all, rolls of soft, shimmering silk and other gifts of the products of the orient.

At the social functions at the Chinese legation there is a quaint blending of oriental splendor and American simplicity which is to be found nowhere else in Washington, for Minister and Mrs. Wu entertain in a manner peculiar to themselves. No better dinners are given in the city than those over which Mrs. Wu presides, and her afternoon teas are very popular. There is at all events a general rush to the Chinese legation on its reception days. If the host and hostess are ever bored, they give no sign of it, but smile and say pleasant words as the long procession of men and women, mainly the latter, file by with curious, eager eyes.

It was your correspondent's good fortune to attend a recent reception at the Chinese legation. Upon entering the big, square hall, with its heavily paneled oak ceiling and wainscoting, its polished floor covered with softest rugs, and window curtains and portieres of unique Chinese design, one is immediately conscious of an air of oriental splendor and notes the scent of some rare perfumes of the far east. At the foot of a beautifully carved staircase sat the minister's little son, dressed in a soft, clinging robe, with cap and pigtail complete. He was taking the guests to the usher and passing them to the minister's nephew, also in robe, cap and cue, who carefully numbered them for future reference. After giving up their cards the guests were passed on to the next usher, who upon entering the reception room announced their names with tremendous solemnity and appeared to say, "Behold the lord mayor of Timbuktou and the lady mayoreess," while in truth, presumably, he gave only the modest names of the visitors. Upon this impressive

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